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IN some states corporations find it cheaper to secure indemnity from hostile legislation by paying a quarter of a million dollars to one or two influential gentlemen than to distribute a half a million dollars among hungry legislators and wolfish lobbyists. This method of doing business is a great promoter of good morals, inasmuch as it tends to remove temptation from the path of statesmen of lesser degree who might otherwise fall from grace and sell their votes in state legislatures. Purity is a great institution.

THE corporations of New York have discovered a new way to circumvent the lobby and make their point, according to the latest reports. They merely employ the governor's law partner, the story goes, paying him an enormous fee for his services. Of course the governor is incorruptible, but then the veto power is exercised with a sense of regard for corporation interests. It is a good thing the governor of New York is a thoroughly honest man, for were it otherwise suspicious people might imagine they could dimly perceive the outlines of a tunnel leading from the law office to the executive mansion.

An Enemy of the People.

Foreigners come to America to enjoy

the full measure of political and personal liberty and to better their material fortunes. They flee from their homes and the houses of their fathers for endless generations and begin life anew in a new country. They establish themselves in the hope of improving their condition, and of giving to their children the advantages of a liberal education, and a start in life better than they could hope to enjoy in the fatherland.

That most thus situated should ally themselves of their own free will to the democratic party almost staggers belief. The democratic party represents many of the worst features of governmental abuse they crossed the ocean to escape. It was built up on human slavery, and the greatest stumbling block to national prosperity, was the only reason for its existence as a party for fifty years. With the vote of the old slaveholding states it would not have a foothold to-day.

It is as much a party of the

poor as the present writing as it was

a party of the rich.

It is intolerant and oppressive in the extreme, denying political rights and privileges given them under the constitution and the laws, and enforcing their views with a brutality that has no parallel outside of despotic Russia.

Assuming to be the special champion

of the laboring classes, it has endeavored

through its whole existence, to smother

and drive out free labor. It cheap-

ened the value of labor by maintaining 4,000,000 slave laborers who received no wages, and to-day it discourages free labor in the south by socially ostracizing men and women who work for their living with their hands. It is the party of the aristocracy, and as such it must always remain. It has been an enemy of the free schools, and wherever and whenever it has been in power, for any length of time continuously there look for a low grade of general intelligence. The democratic party has always regarded popular education as its greatest good.

By opening the doors to competition with pauper European labor the democratic party expects to degrade American workmen and reduce them to the level intellectually, morally, and physically to the work people of the old world, who have been ground down by generations and ages of oppression until their condition is only one removed from slavery.

For foreign-born citizens, with the remembrance of the evils they have escaped from in their minds to become members of a political organization whose success means a Europeanization of America, seems like cursing destruction. Surely they know not what they do.

Independent Candidates in South Carolina.

Advices from South Carolina indicate that the federal office holders there, acting on the advice of the editor of the *New and Courier*, are not only rendering no support to the various independent candidates for congress, but are actually throwing every conceivable obstacle in the way of independent success. This is a most unfortunate state of affairs, and is greatly to be regretted. There is undoubtedly great dissatisfaction among South Carolina democrats, and now that a large number of them come out in opposition to the bournon, preferring their support to Blaine and Logan, they should receive the earnest support of all loyal republicans.

Mr. Beeker is a highly enthusiastic supporter of Cleveland, and probably already returns his services in politics this year. He refuses to discuss political affairs at his. His congregation are very largely in favor of Blaine, and Assistant Pastor Halliday is described as being much worried in his mind to find Mr. Beecher at variance with his congregation upon so important a matter as the election of a president.

Hon. John C. McLane has been appointed com-
missioner of pensions, and the Quaker City is preparing to give him a grand reception. The four leading republican organizations—the Harmony legion, Republican Invincibles, Young Republicans, and West Philadelphia club alone—will turn out 4,500 uniformed men for the grand parade, and the bournon, 4,000. The republican managers will be at the head of the procession, followed by the band, drums or checks to the order of the

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